

# Quote

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The strength of a democracy in peace becomes its weakness in crisis. Democratic gov'ts are slow and cumbersome. Their leaders cannot move by edict; cannot far outpace public enlightenment.

Pres TRUMAN has recommended a course of action. It remains to be seen what steps our lawmakers will take in this election yr. But in the interval, frankly face the fact that Soviet aggression is not to be stopped with words. This is Russia's yr of destiny. The Kremlin moves with power and with purpose. In the mo's ahead we shall see further acts inimical to the democratic concept. (Russian pressures upon Finland and the Scandinavian countries; the possibly adverse outcome of Italian elections in April; French elections in May.) And as of today, in our present state of unpreparedness, there is nothing that we can DO about it.

It is not the purpose of QUOTE to espouse a particular cause or course. We are not "for" or "against" any specific program. Our mission is to report facts. And the significant fact of the moment is that the United States, potentially the greatest democratic force in all the world, stands wholly impotent while other freedom-loving peoples are stunned with the hammer of intrigue and mowed down by the sickle of a tyrannical conqueror.

## MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

Sen LEVERETT SALTONSTALL, of Mass: "Congress has no intention of turning on the faucet of American aid and leaving it running." 1-Q

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JAS F BYRNES, former Sec'y of State: "It is our duty to let the Soviet Gov't know that they must not be misled by our forbearance in the case of Hungary and Czechoslovakia; that if the independence of Greece, Turkey, France and Italy, or any one of them is threatened by coercive methods, we will not write a letter of protest—we will act." 2-Q

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KIRKLEY F MATHER, prof of geology, Harvard Univ: "If present trends continue the U S in 10 to 20 yrs will be a "have not" nation as far as our petroleum is concerned." 3-Q

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GEO C MARSHALL, Sec'y of State, addressing the Federal Council of Churches: "The world is in the midst of great crisis, inflamed by propaganda, misunderstanding, anger and fear. At no time has it been so important for cool judgment." 4-Q

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Dr JAN PAPANKEK, Czechoslovak delegate to U N, refusing to recognize dismissal by Communist dominated regime: "There were only 2 persons who could recall me, Pres Benes and Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk. One of them is no more. As long as I do not get a recall signed by Pres Benes, I am going on. I do not recognize those people in Prague." 5-Q

EAMON DE VALERA, former Pres of Irish Free State: "I think that the League of Nations showed more promise at times than the U N has at any time." 6-Q

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Lt Gen'l ALBERT C WEDEMEYER, commanding officer of American forces in China during war: "We are going to pay in blood unless Communism is stopped." 7-Q

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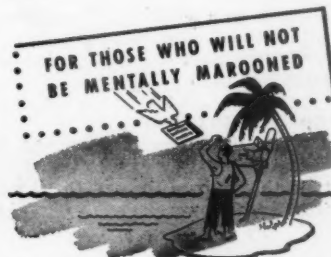
Lt Gen'l LEONARD GEROW, U S Army: "This country obviously is not prepared militarily to meet even the immediate defensive demands of a major war emergency." 8-Q

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Sen EDWIN JOHNSON, of Colo, complaining that Sec'y of Defense FORRESTAL is trying to "gag" the armed forces. "I don't want the adm'l's and gen'l's to be a-feudin', a-fightin' and a-fussin' in public, but I do want them free to express their opinions." 9-Q

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ROBT BOYLAN, chairman of board of gov's, N Y Stock Exchange: "The biggest break in the stock mkt already has occurred. Commodity prices have reached their leveling-off period." 10-Q





#### ABILITY—1

During a game of golf, on the 10th fairway, a woman stopped in her tracks, turned to her partner, and said: "Do you know, I *can* play this game a lot better than I am—but I *never* do."—STEWART EDW WHITE, quoted by CHAS B ROTH, *Canadian Business*.

#### AMERICA—Russia—2

It is worth remembering, also, when this "What about Russia?" question comes up, that at least half the answer depends on "What about America?"—*Christian Century*.

#### CAUTION—3

Caution is instinctive with (handicapped persons). You do not need a safety campaign to sell a handicapped person on the wisdom of protecting the physical assets he has left.—*What's New*, Abbott Laboratories.

#### CHARACTER—4

Character is like the foundation to a house—it is below the surface.—*Window Seat*.

#### COMMUNISM—5

In 2 official papers, young Communists were advised to "be lenient with elders. . . who must be patiently taught how harmful religious faith can be."—*Pathfinder*.

#### CO-OPERATION—6

When my fellow warden and I were appointed last yr we began to talk things over, across the back fence. Then we pulled down the

fence and got closer together. Then we used the pickets to make a pathway between our two houses. The result has been full co-operation.—Rev H G L BAUGH.

#### COURAGE—7

Courage with good cheer and laughter helps a lot more than the grim kind that says, "It's a hard life, but I'm going to do my duty." As one youngster put it, "If things ain't cheerful, folks has got to be."

—MARJORIE PITMAN, "The Silver Lining," *Opportunity*, 3-'48.

#### DRINK—Drinking—8

The drunkard drinks alcohol to escape the hard realities of life. His wife does not escape; his children do not escape; society does not escape; and in the end, the drunkard does not escape.—*Arkansas Methodist*.

#### EASTER—9

A friend stood one day where he could view the Golden Gate bridge at San Francisco. At 1st it was completely shrouded in early morning fog. But as the sun rose the fog lifted between the upright piers of the bridge, leaving the land anchors still unseen. Is it not so with life? We see only what is between the great piers called birth and death. But Easter lifts the fog from both. Easter is the time when we see more completely the anchorages that sustain life.—GEO MECKLENBERG, *Wesley News*.

#### EDUCATION—Germany—10

The (German) lecture halls are filled to the bursting point. Students are huddled together in window sills and on the floor of the bomb-dust-covered aisles. Four or 5 wide rows of seats are reserved for amputees, but many additional casualties of Nazi madness flow over into the unreserved benches. Mechanically the students troop from lecture to lecture, scribbling their notes feverishly, eating their scraps of bread in dark, unhealthy corridors. Many still wear the shiny black boots and the elegantly cut breeches of the former officers. But in their new surroundings they look pathetic rather than dashing. One can not help but realize that the road from arrogant swagger to sullen dejection is only an overnight's journey. —FRED M HECHINGER, "The Battle for German Youth," *Harper's Magazine*, 2-'48.

#### ENTERPRISE—11

Don't wait for something to turn up. Get a spade and dig for it!—*Missouri-Pacific Lines*, hm, *Missouri-Pacific Lines Ry*.

#### EUROPE—Marshall Plan—12

The Marshall Plan is a powerful scheme to move the economic balance from Central Europe to Western Europe and the political balance from Germany to France.—Dr OTTO STRASSER, "Der Marshall Plan und Deutschland," *Cincinnati Freie Presse*. (QUOTE translation.)

#### FAMILY—Expenditures—13

Latest family spending habits, according to a gov't report, show that money is divided as follows: Food, 31%; clothing, 12%; rent, including imputed rent of owned homes, 8%; alcohol, 5.4%; tobacco, 2.2%; auto fuel and oil, 2.3%; other nondurable goods, 2.3%; autos, 3.6%; household equipment, 6%; other durable goods, 12%; household service, 4.2%; personal service (shaves, etc), 1.9%; recreation (mostly admissions), 2.2%; transportation, 2.7%; everything else, 4.2%.—*Advertiser's Digest*.

#### FORGIVENESS—14

Dr H R Mackintosh tells of a man who was on his death bed, harassed by fear because he had harbored hatred against another. He sent for the individual with whom he had had a disagreement yrs before, and then made overtures of peace. The two of them shook hands in friendship. But as the visitor left the room, the sick man roused himself and said, "Remember, if I get over this, the old quarrel stands."—G RAY JORDAN, *Pulpit Preaching*.

#### FRIENDSHIP—15

A homemade friend wears longer than one you buy in the mkt.—AUSTIN O'MALLEY, *Woman's Home Companion*.

#### HAPPINESS—16

Happiness may be thought, sought or caught, but not bought.—*Mutual Moments*, hm, *Mutual Benefit Health & Accident Ass'n*.

#### HOSPITALITY—17

I paid a call on a Mexican family in San Antonio, Tex. When I started to leave, the man of the family jumped up, opened the front

door, smiled graciously and bowed politely.

"Thank you," I said.

"It's nothing," he assured me. "It would make me so much happier if I were opening the door for you to enter."—J WILLARD RIDINGS, *Your Life*.

#### HUMILITY—18

Novelist Thos Mann was once introduced to a successful writer who grovelled, declaring: "Sir, I am hardly worthy to be here with you. I am only a hack."

Mann treated him with the greatest courtesy, but later he remarked: "That man had no right to make himself so small. He's not that big."—*Wall St Jnl*.

#### Dirty Dishes

Thank God for the dirty dishes  
They have a story to tell  
And by the stack I have

It seems we are living well.  
While people of other countries  
are starving

I haven't the heart to fuss  
For by this stack of evidence  
God's very good to us.—MARY  
STUBEN, high school student, in  
*Anthology of Ohio Verse*. 19

#### INFLATION—20

The only way to head off inflation is to bring dollars and sense together.—BOB HAWK, radio program.

#### LANGUAGE—Sports—21

In *Editor & Publisher*, H Weldon Owens of the *Teague Chronicle* complained: "Nobody wins a football game anymore." Instead, he found, teams on the short end of the score are "crushed, trounced, thundered by, downed, jarred, shackled, out-lasted, spilled, battered, stopped, trampled, blanked, or smothered."—*Newsweek*.

#### LAZINESS—22

Doing nothing is the most tiresome job in the world because you can't stop and rest.—*Ayograms*, hm, L S Ayres & Co.

#### LOQUACITY—23

Much has been said in recent yrs about the importance of increasing one's vocabulary. The real problem for many executives is to shrink their vocabularies so that they can eschew verbose and esoteric or exoteric philosophical multiplicities and sedulously avoid all tautological

and polysyllabreal profundities. In short, so that they can speak simply, clearly and without double-talk.—Dr HENRY C LINK, *Public Relations Jnl*.

#### MARRIAGE—24

Success in marriage is much more than finding the right person. It is being the right person.—*Tri-P Parish Caller*.

#### OBSTACLES—Value—25

May there be enough clouds in your life to make a beautiful sunset.—REBECCA GREGORY, *This Wk*.

#### OPINION—26

Some people succeed in preserving a youthful appearance, but they show their age in their opinions.—SYDNEY TREMAYNE, quoted in *Sterling Sparks*, hm, Sterling Grinding Wheel Division.

#### OPPORTUNISM—27

Sammy Kaye had quite an experience the other performance when he turned his band over to a contestant to conduct his "Want to Lead a Band" feature. Said Kaye: "The band is yours, sir."

"In that case," was the reply, "the 1st thing I'd like to do is hire my brother—he's a trumpet player out of work!"—HY GARDNER, *Parade*.

#### ORIGIN—"Chauffeur"—28

The word "chauffeur" which has become the occupational title of drivers of all kinds of motorcars is the French word for stoker, which was 1st applied to operators of the early coal-burning automobiles who literally were stokers.—FRELING FOSTER, *Collier's*.

#### PEACE—War—29

Permanent peace can no more be built on a war than a durable house on a fire.—JOHN ANDREW HOLMES, *Telescope-Messenger*.

#### POWER—30

Not so long ago it was necessary for us to have some remodeling done in our office. Believing that the contractor and his workmen were competent to handle the job, the rest of us rested on our faith in them and did not check on the details of the project. After the work was completed we were amazed to find in one of our hallways a ceiling light fixture that did not have a switch button.

Individuals without knowledge of the source of their power are very

much like this ceiling light. They know no way of turning on the electricity. — ESTHER FRESHMAN, "Talks on Revelation," *Good Business*, 1-'48.

#### PRAYER—31

There has been a persistent policy, for which American leadership must bear considerable responsibility, which prevents the voice of prayer from being heard at deliberations of the UN. This is in spite of the fact that, with only a few exceptions, the nations convening are so-called Christian nations. Even a Mohammedan will bow his head at the mention of God—Jehovah, Yawhe or Allah—by whatever name he is called.

Peace will come as men finally realize that they cannot build peace and leave God out.—*Between the Lines*.

#### PROGRESS—32

We know how to raise crops, we know how to plow fields and plant seeds and make automobiles. We don't need to get scared. Let's set some new objectives. Let's set some things we may not quite reach. But we will always get close to it. Let's don't believe today that we have arrived at some place because eternity is the only place you will ever arrive.—CHAS F KETTERING, "Beyond the Horizon in Industry," *Nation's Agriculture*, 2-'48.



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**AUTOMOBILES:** A so-called "people's car," containing less than half the parts of conventional automobiles and capable of running 45 mi's on a gal of gasoline, is being road-tested in Australia. (*Kiplinger Magazine*)

**FOOD—Novelties:** By feeding bees on diet of prepared syrup and special mixes of pollen, a bee man claims he can produce honey in strawberry, maple, chocolate, lemon, pineapple and mint flavors, each appropriately colored. (*McCalls*)

**HANDICAP AIDS:** Motorized wheel chair, designed particularly for an infantile paralysis patient, moves forward, backward, or to right or left, in a slow-walk pace under control of a switch on its arm. Switch can be flipped with one finger. (*Science News-Letter*)

**MEDICINE:** Single injection under the skin with new vaccine prevents most common types of pneumonia. Ineffective for virus pneumonia and for treating anyone who already has any type of pneumonia, vaccine is said to be especially valuable as preventive measure for patients about to undergo an operation and for those recovering from severe illness. (*LAWRENCE N GALTON, Nat'l Home Monthly*)

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** Foolproof camera, or as near as mfr's can come to that ideal, is now being placed on mkt. Instrument, 3¼ by 4¼-in press-type camera, with all adjustments of conventional equipment, operates almost entirely by electricity and refuses to function at all until adjustments of focus, film slide, shutter and flash bulb have been made. Range-finder shows exact picture to be taken. Focusing can be done in dark. (*Parade*)

#### RACE—Prejudice—33

A friend of mine got tired of hearing a certain man say, "Isn't that just like a Jew?" The next time he raised the question my friend replied with another: "Which Jew do you mean, Shylock or Christ?" Try it sometime yourself and see how it sharpens the focus. The next time somebody says to you, "Isn't that just like a Negro?" you ask, "Which Negro do you mean, Old Black Joe or George Washington Carver? Little Black Sambo or Marian Anderson?"—*ROBERT W MOORE, "Moral Myopia," Church Mgt, 3-'48.*

#### SKILL—34

A German who still had his bicycle, only because it was so rusty, battered and creaking, was riding down the Kurfuerstendamm, his arms folded. A Russian on a shining, smoothly operating bicycle, equipped with bell, tail light, special seat, richly colored mudguards and rear view mirror, swept past. As he went by, he looked over and saw that the German was riding without using his hands.

"Give me your bicycle," he ordered. "I demand an exchange."

The suggestion was unbelievable. The German was speechless. "Get off," insisted the Russian. The German obeyed. "Take my bicycle." The German did. Then, suddenly, in fear, he pedaled rapidly away.

The Russian mounted the wreck, began to pedal, folded his arms, and crashed to the ground. He tried again, and fell again. He was last seen kicking at the ancient bicycle, shouting something at it in Russian. —*Plain Talk.*

#### SPEECH—Congressional—35

Congressional speeches are printed and distributed by the gov't without the slightest profit and many of them are read that way, too.—*HENRY J TAYLOR, radio commentator.*

#### SUCCESS—36

A successful man knows how to step down his ideals and step up his ideas.—*P K THOMAJAN, Phoenix Flame.*

#### THRIFT—37

Thrif is the best of virtues. . . especially if it was practiced by your ancestors.—*Gas Flame, hm, Citizens' Gas & Coke Utility.*

#### TRUTH—38

One of the witnesses in a recent court action on Long Island was an 8-yr-old boy. The judge tested his understanding of the seriousness of the occasion by inquiring, "If you should promise to tell the truth, and then lie, what would happen to you?" The boy considered the matter for a moment and then repl'd solemnly, "I'd be thrown out of the Cub Scouts."

"Swear him in," said the judge.—*New Yorker.*

#### VIEWPOINT—39

Firmness has 2 meanings. Referring to one's self it means decision; to one's neighbor, obstinacy.—*Hobo News.*

#### Generations & Generalities

There are no new girls, no new women. Your grandmother was a devil of a clip half a century before you were born. You only knew her when she was wrinkled and hobbling, reading the Epistle to the Thessalonians in a lace cap and saying she didn't know what the world was coming to. The young have always been young, and the old always old; men and women don't change. The changes that you think you see lie just on the surface. You could wash them away with soap and hot water.—*STEPHEN LEACOCK, humorist. 40*

#### WAR—41

Wars should be operated like street cars—pay as you enter—then everybody could see what they're getting into, how much it will cost, and where it will take them.—*Nuggets.*

#### WORK—Play—42

What is the difference between work and play? Dr Karl A Menninger sums it up this way: "The psychiatrist plays at being a photographer, the professional photographer plays at being a horticulturist, the florist plays at being a carpenter, the carpenter plays at being an artist, the artist plays at being a cook, and the cook may, along with several million other blithe spirits, be playing at being a psychiatrist." The individual's attitude toward an activity can transform it from grim drudgery to gay fun, or vice versa.—*HOWARD WHITMAN, "Play As You Go," Recreation, 2-'48.*





### The Mayor and the measles . . .

MARJORIE HOLMES wrote *World by the Tail*, one of the popular novels of 1943, and countless magazine stories and articles before she got around to writing *Ten O'Clock Scholar* (Lippincott, \$3.), the inside story of the people and activities of the free public school system. *Ten O'Clock Scholar* is a double-edged novel of the stormy married life and career of Ralph Mallison, and his wife Jan, a gay, not-too-well-educated girl who uses her charm and attraction for men to smooth his path. In a behind-the-scenes background of America's educational machine and the politicians, parents, leading citizens, town characters—and of course the children and their teachers—who make it go, Ralph progresses from a country school to the superintendent's desk in a big city school system. It happened that the twins, Pete and Mike, were home with measles when the Mayor dropped in to interview Ralph for the superintendent's job.

Jan supposed she should keep Pete and Mike in bed, but they weren't very sick and they'd keep just about as quiet in the tents they'd made out of old blankets in the living room. She could keep an eye on them while sanding down that old chest she'd bought for 60¢ at an auction sale. Black walnut, too, she was pretty sure, under that awful purple paint. She laughed, recalling some of the awful crimes she'd committed on Cliff Waterbury's furniture that 1st yr in Hixton. Boy, what a lot she'd learned since then. In her own way she'd come almost as far as Ralph. He'd see it too, once he got his degree and a job and they got out of this dump . . . Golly, he might even get that job downtown . . .

"Hey you kids, if you don't pipe down you're both going right to bed."

"Pipe down yourself," Mike retorted rudely. "There's somebody at the door."

"Oh Lord," Jan groaned. She wore an old pair of slacks, blobbed with paint and ripped along one leg. Her hair was wadded under an old red scarf. "Another salesman, I bet. Why won't they let Ralph alone?" She was frowning when she flung open the door.

In the hall stood a tall, round-shouldered man in a loose-swinging polo coat. "Good morning," he said, "are you the janitress? I'm looking for the Mallison apt."

"No, I'm not the janitress," Jan snapped. "I'm Mrs Mallison and we live here and Ralph's not home. If you're the sweeping compound man he said tell you it wouldn't do any good."

Maxwell Tyler snatched his pipe from his mouth. "And I'm certainly not the sweeping compound man. I'm Mr Tyler, representing

the City Board of Education."

Jan gasped softly, "Mayor Tyler, you mean? Oh, this is awful. I do apologize—come on in. That is, if you aren't afraid of the measles?" she remembered as two speckled faces popped from under tents made of overturned chairs and ragged quilts. "The kids—boys—have sure made a mess in here, but they're not very sick," she was babbling as she made a sweep of papers, fire trucks, and cracker crumbs from the davenport. "Here, sit down. Pete and Mike," she ordered, "here's a man I want you to meet. But don't you dare give him the measles—he's the mayor!"

Tyler smiled broadly. "It's I who should apologize. Accusing you of being a janitress."

"Oh, but I am, part time. It's one way of helping until Ralph gets his degree."

"No fooling? He must be a very lucky man."

"I'm a very lucky woman."

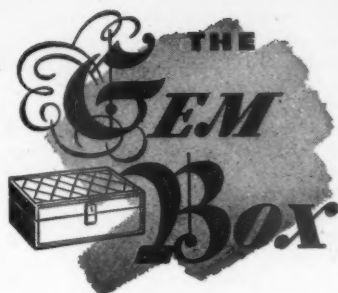
"Yes, I'm sure you are. When do you expect Mr Mallison home?"

"Around two, I think. I could get him for you probably at one of the schools. Or say," she cried merrily, "maybe I'd better not! What's he been doing that he's hunted by the Mayor?"

"Nothing, I assure you. I have a very high regard for your husband . . . but I mustn't keep you." He looked thru the bedroom door. "Don't tell me you're painting that lovely old chest!"

"No, unpainting it. It's solid black walnut, I hope, and I got it for 60¢. Have a look?"

Squatting together, they picked at the paint with their fingernails. Antiques were his hobby too, he said. This, he believed, was cherry. "Gee, I thought it was walnut," she wailed.



### The Birth of Speech

HARTLEY COLERIDGE

What wasn't awakened first the untried ear

Of that sole man who was all human kind?

Was it the gladsome welcome of the wind,

Stirring the leaves that never yet were sere?

The four mellifluous streams which flowed so near,

Their lulling murmurs all in one combined?

The note of bird unnamed? The startled hind

Bursting the brake—in wonder, not in fear,

Of her new lord? Or did the holy ground

Send forth mysterious melody to greet

The gracious pressure of imaculate feet?

Did viewless seraphs rustle all around,

Making sweet music out of air as sweet,

Or his own voice awake him with its sound?—*Think.*

"Idiot, cherry's a lot more valuable. I'll pay you \$50 for it."

"You will not!"

He chuckled . . .

"Look," she suggested impulsively, "why don't you stay for lunch? Just hand-outs, the boys sick and all, but I could stir up some biscuits. And Ralph might come in."

The mayor began to unbutton his coat. "I can't think of anything I'd rather do."

When Ralph did arrive at 1:30, he found his wife and the mayor of the city munching biscuits and jam in the breakfast nook.

Two wks later the mayor got the measles. And Ralph got the job.

# GOOD STORIES

## You Can Use

The small boy's parents were strict. The walls of the sitting-room were lined with tracts, and the cane was kept behind "Love one another." One day everything went wrong and the boy was punished 8 times.

After this he said between sobs, "Don't you think it's time to take the cane from behind 'Love one another' and put it behind 'I need Thee every every hr'?"—*Tit-Bits*. (London) a

*This isn't March—it's wade.*—  
PETE BAIRD, New Orleans Times-Picayune-States.

At the Univ of Peking, the students were to copy any Western habit they could detect in their American professors. They followed these instructions conscientiously and sometimes had peculiar objections to usages which we take for granted. A professor with a cold blew his nose in class one day and as he was replacing his handkerchief, he heard a voice from the back of the room remark: "What is he saving it for?"—*F. MIHALIC*. b

*Internat'l conscience is the warning voice that tells a country perhaps another country is stronger after all.* — Answers. (England)

Overheard in the Commissary: "My husband wired me from Paris on my birthday, asking whether he should bring me a Rembrandt or a Titian."

"Well, as far as that goes, any one of those French cars is pretty good."—*Wiesbaden Post*. c

*Having got all wrinkled up with care and worry, it's a good time now to get our faith lifted.*  
*Optimist Magazine.*

"At 8 o'clock last night I said to my wife: 'Let's go for a spin.' In 10 min's she was ready. We started across the river, and our car ran off the open bridge and sank into the river. Fortunately a great big dog on the bank dived in and saved us. Then he went up on the highway and barked for help. You

### I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

G S SCHWARTZ

*British Economist*

A friend of mine once was a passenger on an American ry sleeper, and was badly bitten by bugs. He wrote to the co to complain.

Back came a reply. It was the the 1st complaint the co had had. Inquiry had failed to reveal any explanation for the unprecedented occurrence. Nevertheless, the stringent precautions taken in the past would be redoubled in future. . Then out of the envelope fell a slip: "Send this guy the bug letter."

smile. What do you find incredible in this?"

"The part about your wife dressing in 10 minutes." — Origin unknown. d

*The way to a lovely marriage is to think carefully about the right thing to say in a family argument, then don't say it.*—  
BILL VAUGHAN, Kansas City Star.

A housewife ans'd the doorbell to find a girl of 5 and her younger brother, relatively new at walking, both standing on the step. The little girl was all dolled up in an old formal of her mother's and a grown-up hat. Her little brother was wearing one of his father's hats that wobbled on his head and an older brother's coat that hung almost to the walk. "I am Mrs Smith," said the little girl in a very formal tone, "and this is my husband, Mr Smith. We've come to call." The woman who had ans'd the call decided to play along with the youngsters and their act so she invited "Mr and Mrs Smith" in for tea. The kids walked in and sat down and the hostess went immediately to the kitchen for some cookies and milk. When she ret'd the callers were already headed for the front door. "Must you go so

soon?" asked the hostess. "I had hoped you could stay for tea." The little girl tossed back an artificial smile. "We can't, thank you," she said pleasantly, "Mr Smith just wet his pants."—*GORDON GAMMACK, Des Moines Register*. e

*A lot of people in the country would like to know what makes Wallace politic.*—A G WEEMS, Memphis Commercial Appeal.

"Jones," remarked a neighbor, "I understand that boy of yours is learning a trade. Do you think he'll work at it?"

"No," was the candid reply, "I don't think he will. He's just learning it so that when he is idle he will be able to tell people what kind of work he is out of."—*Top o' the Morning*. f

*Nowadays a movie hero is the guy who sits thru it.*—*EARL WILSON, syndicated col.*

"How old are you, Bobby?" asked the visitor.

"Oh, I'm just at that awkward age."

"Really," asked the visitor. "And just what do you consider the awkward age?"

"Well," said Bobby, "I'm too old to cry and too young to cuss."—*Rocky Mountain Empire Magazine*. g

The doctor's small daughter had strayed into his consulting room and was watching wide-eyed as he tested the heart and lungs of a patient with the stethoscope. Suddenly she spoke:

"Get any new stations, daddy?"—*Pastor's Wife*. h

*When one word leads to another it generally ends up in a quarrel, a speech, or a dictionary.*—*Nuggets*.

To impress his fares the taxi driver stopped the cab at a vantage point before the portal at the en-

trance of Mayo Clinic in Rochester.  
 "See those two big stones on top of each pillar of this entrance?"

The passengers nodded.

"Those," he cont'd, "are the gall stones Doctor Mayo extracted from his 1st patient!"—TED BENTZ. **i**

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 Tell a little girl not to stick her arm out of the car and when she grows up and drives she will remember the advice before making a left turn.—Detroit News.

# Strike!

Labor and mgt dislikes  
 Disturb me more and more;  
 The only place I'm free from strikes  
 Is in my bowling score!—Pathfinder. **j**

Old Dobbin may have had his faults but he never scattered you all over the road just because he met a one-eyed horse at night.—Reformatory Pillar.

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 It happened on the obstacle course. A trainee, puffing and groaning, failed to make a hurdle. As he stretched out a cpl ran forward. "Hey!" he cried. "What's the trouble?"

"I think I've broken my leg."  
 "Well, don't just lay there, man. Start doing push-ups."—Camp Lee Traveler. **k**

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 Hollywood: where variety is the spouse of life.—JOHN BROCKMEIER, Catholic Digest.

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 A mob of women was attempting to board an already crowded bus in Manhattan.

"Hey!" cried the driver. "Take it easy, take it easy! This is a bus, not a 2-way stretch!"—Woman. **l**

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 Note on Spring: Stick to your flannels till they stick to you.—Erie Magazine, hm, Erie Ry.

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 The bride was ordering her 1st ton of coal. "What kind of coal did you want?" the dealer asked.

"Kind?" exclaimed the bride, puzzled. "Are there different kinds?"

"Oh, yes," ans'd the dealer. "For instance, we have egg coal and chestnut coal."

"I'll take the egg coal," the bride promptly decided. "I'll be cooking eggs oftener than I will chestnuts."—Safer Way. **m**

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 Some radio programs are the din you love to shush. — BOB GARRED, Milwaukee Jnl.

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 A woman's 3 sons went to Texas to raise beef cattle, sheep, and hogs. Stumped for a good name for their ranch, they wrote home to Mother for suggestions. "Name it Focus," she telegraphed. Puzzled, they wired for an explanation. The reply came immediately: "Focus, where the sun's rays meet."—Sen CHAS B FARWELL, quoted in Texas Outlook. **n**

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 Some men are born great, some achieve greatness, and this yr some are willing to have it thrust upon them.—P M.

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 One of the kingpinheads of the movies was complaining about the inconvenience of a mole on the back of his neck. "If it gets any bigger," he told a friend, "I'll have to buy a straw hat for it."

"Why don't you have it removed?" the friend suggested. "Removed!" exclaimed the movie mogul. "How do you know I don't think of it?"—IRVING HOFFMAN, Hollywood Reporter. **o**

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 With the new hemline, men can once again hide behind a woman's skirts.—De Pere (Wis) Jnl-Democrat.

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 Camillien Houde, Mayor of Montreal, Canada, hated Britain. He has a technicolor vocabulary and startles visitors by the obscenity of his language.

In '39 he was asked to play host to King George on his royal tour. Before the banquet he wrote himself a list of words he must not use and kept it by his soup plate.

The Queen caught sight of the paper to which Houde constantly referred. She asked what it was.

# This WACKY WORLD

Attributed to WINSTON CHURCHILL, when advised that a gov't Front Benchman was ill: "Dear Me! I do hope that it's nothing trivial." (EDITOR'S NOTE: Remark was originally made by IRVIN S COBB more than 20 yrs ago.)

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 Adv which appeared in the Clinton Herald: "Wanted: Another woman to help pull a 2-woman plow. Box 4007, Albany, Ill."

Confused, Houde let the paper slip beneath the table, but the Queen caught it in her napkin.

The Queen smiled, blushed, then passed the list to her husband. The king read the list of 30 swear words, and burst out laughing. The dismay vanished from Houde's face, and nervous tension disappeared. When the King left Montreal the man who hated Britain became the only known ruling mayor to embrace a ruling monarch.—CLAUD MORRIS, "That's a King—That Was," John Bull (England), 1-31-'48. **p**

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 Collegians are young folks who keep the home sires burning.—Hudson Newsletter.

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 Herbert had been taught to rise when his mother entered the room and remain standing until she was seated or until she withdrew.

One day a boy came to see him. Herbert's mother came into the room where the boys were, and Herbert arose. His friend made no move, so Herbert asked him to stand up.

A few min's later, mother again entered the room and Herbert arose, while his friend reluctantly arose to his feet.

When Herbert's mother entered the 3rd time and her son arose, the guest said, disgustedly: "Say, what do you think your mother is, the nat'l anthem?"—Davenport Democrat. **q**



**Why Waste Waiting Time? —**  
WM T FOSTER, *Rotarian*, 3-'48.

Life is not a continuous performance; there are long waits between the acts. Everybody has to wait—to see the doctor, the hairdresser, the employment agent. . . More than 100 vocations are listed by the U S Bureau of the Census in which waiting time is unavoidable.

Yet few of us use those waits according to any plan. Some of us fret and fume. Some of us "set and think," but think to no particular purpose. Others "jest set." . .

Everyone has just 24 hrs a day; the genius has no more. But some use it wisely — and some excuse themselves by saying, "I just don't have enough time."

Wm Lyon Phelps, beloved as "Billy" to thousands of Yale students, kept up a prodigious correspondence. How? In part, of course, by work at his desk, but also by notes and postcards scrawled in the chinks and crevices of a busy schedule.

Channing Pollock worked out innumerable articles, stories, even plays, while he whisked over the country on lecture tours.

As a train boy, Thos Edison discovered that he did not have to scurry back and forth with sandwiches all the time. So he set up a chemical lab'y in the baggage car and began the experiments which led to a place in the world's Hall of Fame. . .

Capt Silsbee, a rough, unlettered man, when on a long voyage to China, happened to run across one of Shelley's poems. Standing hrs in the long watches of the night, he memorized that poem. Then, voyage after voyage, he read the poems of Shelley. He became an authority in the field and a collector of Shelley 1st editions—and no man ever enjoyed a hobby more. He be-

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queathed his rare collection to Harvard Univ. . .

Anyone, with the aid of a pocket manual, a review list, and a small part of otherwise wasted time, could learn enough about something to endow his life with a new zest.

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**Japan's American Revolution —**  
ROGER N BALDWIN, *Current History*, 2-'48.

The American record to date in Japan is one of the most revolutionary accomplishments in history. When we leave Japan, as we shall once a peace treaty is written, we may have achieved a near-miracle in human relations. Never before has a conquering army turned enemies into friends and won their eager co-operation in transforming a military autocracy into a democracy. . .

The Japanese are alert pupils; as one American observer put it, they are "God's gift to an Occupation." Their ability to seek new goals when old goals have failed has made the conversion to democracy seem almost a natural. I sensed nothing phony in it. . .

The most honored elder statesman is 90-yr-old Yukio Ozaki, a liberal mbr of the Diet continuously since 1889. Americans know him as the donor of the cherry trees in Washington; he gave them

when he was Mayor of Tokyo. Ozaki indulges in outspoken criticism of his people: "All this talk of democracy means little until we get a peace treaty and can plan how to support ourselves. The Americans are doing as well as any foreigners could, but they need better Japanese advisers."

"Who could they be?" I asked. He thought a moment and answered, "There are none."

Then he went on: "What a mixture is Japan—old and new, feudal and modern, oxcarts and limousines, buses and rickshas, kimonos and bobby-sox. Inside our heads it is just like that, too. It will take a long time to get us all going in the same direction."

You can find plenty of criticism of the Occupation, and of the Japanese. The newspapermen tend, I think, to feature frictions because such things are news by their very unusualness. Some aggrieved Japanese voice distrust, and some Occupation officials do, too.

But the critics falsely measure 2½ yrs of American effort in Japan by 150 yrs of democratic development in the U S. They are blind to the evidence of an immense and deep modern revolution before their eyes. The direction has been set; with a constructive peace treaty, it should endure. The record is impressive.

I heard in Tokyo the story of a visit last winter to Gen'l MacArthur by Gen'l Derevyanko, Russian chief on the Allied Council. It was the eve of the threatened gen'l strike of gov't workers—Communist-led. Gen'l Derevyanko is reported to have said, "Sir, on behalf of the Soviet Gov't I wish to protest your intention of forbidding the gen'l strike. We are here to democratize Japan, and the 1st right in a democracy is the right to strike."

Gen'l MacArthur repl'd, "Since when has the Soviet Gov't permitted strikes of its gov't workers?"

The Russian took refuge in dramatic indignation: "Sir, you insult my gov't!"

Gen'l MacArthur turned to the interpreter and said, "Just tell him the Russian word for 'baloney.' "



